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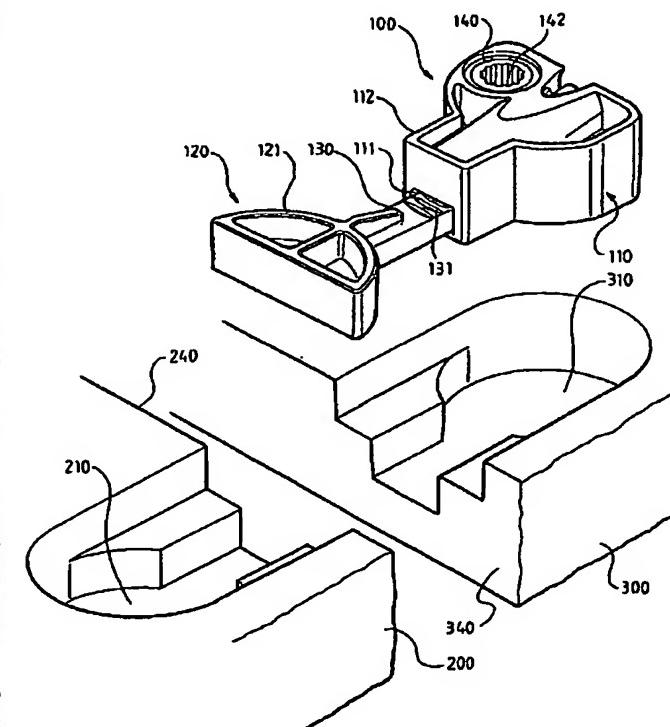
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(54) Title: A JOINER



(57) **Abstract:** A joiner for joining together panel members in edge to edge relationship, the joiner having a joining element (110) which defines a housing (112) which is adapted to engage within a cavity in one of the panel members, and another joining element (120) which at one end has a cavity engaging portion (121) adapted to engage within a cavity in the other panel member, and an elongate shaft (130) which extends away from portion (121) and which is provided with a plurality of teeth (131) spaced along the length thereof so as to form a rack portion, the two joining elements (110,120) being slideable relative to one another by drive means which includes a driven worm gear (150) in mesh with the rack portion, and a worm gear actuator (140) arranged, upon rotation thereof, to drive the driven worm gear (150) whereby rotary motion of the worm actuator (140) is translated into linear motion only of the shaft (130).

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